

MARY WOODMANSY.

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JUNE 1, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. STURTEVANT, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9503.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9503) granting a pension to Mary Woodmansy, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto, and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to pension at \$12 per month Mary Woodmansy, of Crossingville, Crawford County, Pa., the dependent mother of Solomon Woodmansy, who enlisted February 27, 1864, in Company L, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, and was honorably mustered out October 23, 1865, with the rank of corporal.

Soldier never filed any application for pension.

The mother, this claimant, made application for pension as dependent mother February 20, 1891, and again February 8, 1895. The application was rejected September 7, 1895, on the ground of "Claimant's declared inability to furnish the evidence necessary to show the death and cause of death of soldier."

Evidence filed with the committee shows that soldier was claimant's only son and support, and that her husband died many years ago; that on soldier's return home at the close of the war he was broken down in health, on account of the hardships incurred in service, and that his doctors ordered him to go to Colorado for his health, which he did; that for a short time claimant heard from her son frequently, but suddenly his letters ceased, and for over twenty-one years she has heard nothing from him, and all efforts to get any track of him or prove his death have been unavailing. He is certainly dead. He draws no pension.

Claimant is 79 years of age and very poor.

The bill is reported back with the recommendation that it pass, when amended as follows:

Line 4, after the word "roll," insert "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

Line 5, after the word "Woodmansy," insert "dependent."

In line 7, after the word "her," insert "a pension,"